



For more information on obtaining online help, please refer to Chapter 11, "Online Help/Information," in this manual.

Assumptions About the Reader

This manual is written with the assumption that the reader is familiar with the **VISTA** computing environment.

It provides an overall explanation of MailMan and the changes contained in MailMan V. 7.1 with Patch 50 (i.e., XM*7.1*50). However, no attempt is made to explain how the overall **VISTA** programming system is integrated and maintained. Such methods and procedures are documented elsewhere. We suggest you look at the various VA home pages on the World Wide Web (WWW) for a general orientation to **VISTA**. For example, check out the following web sites:

- Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (**VISTA**), formerly known as the Decentralized Hospital Computer Program (DHCP) System:
 - <http://www.va.gov/vama.htm#DHCP>
 - <http://vawww.va.gov/vama.htm#DHCP>
- **VISTA** Software Development Home Page: <http://vista.med.va.gov/>

VA FileMan

Knowledge of general VA FileMan is all that is required to use MailMan. VA FileMan menus present the viewer with information, and then give the user an opportunity to make a selection based on the information, through the use of a message prompt. Most prompts require the entry of "Y" for yes or "N" for no (in any case). If yes or no is contained within the prompt, as in "YES//", pressing the Enter/Return key (<RET>) selects this response.

Text can also be entered at message prompts. A <RET> must be entered following the text in order for the computer to accept the information. If you wish to skip a prompt, just enter <RET>. If a keyword is being entered at the prompt, only the first four letters need to be entered, as VA FileMan recognizes the entire keyword from the first four letters.

If there is more than one selection for an entry, a list of all possible selections either appears or can be solicited by entering a question mark ("?"). The viewer can enter leading characters of the name or the list number of a selection. All of the entries, with the exception of question mark subject searches, can be entered in either upper- or lowercase.

Related Manuals and Other References

Readers who wish to learn more about MailMan should consult the following:

- "MailMan V. 7.1 & Patch XM*7.1*50 Release Notes"
- "MailMan V. 7.1 & Patch XM*7.1*50 Getting Started Manual"
- "MailMan V. 7.1 & Patch XM*7.1*50 Programmer Manual"
- "MailMan V. 7.1 & Patch XM*7.1*50 Technical Manual"
- "MailMan V. 7.1 Network Reference Manual"
- MailMan Home Page at the following web address:
<http://vista.med.va.gov/mailman/index.html>

This site contains additional information and documentation.

MailMan documentation is made available online, on paper, and in Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF). The PDF documents *must* be read using the Adobe Acrobat Reader (i.e., ACROREAD.EXE), which is freely distributed by Adobe Systems Incorporated at the following web address:

<http://www.adobe.com/>



For more information on the use of the Adobe Acrobat Reader, please refer to the "Adobe Acrobat Quick Guide" at the following web address:

<http://vista.med.va.gov/infrastructure/acrobat/index.html>